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Took a long walk and returned for an early lunch with E., P.Z., Sasha and Nicky. David continues ill, and probably has pneumonia -- they are dosing him for it.

We went to the exhibition at Sceaux of Royal French Chateaux that have disappeared. Some good pictures and engravings; otherwise disappointing.

Mike Mansfield came to the house with one of his staff members. He said the United States Senators are mostly anti-French, and the mounting feeling for a peripheral defense strategy must be taken into serious consideration. He thinks it will become rampant if the forthcoming conference in London and the successor meeting of the NATO Foreign Ministers do not result in an agreement ratified by the French Parliament.

Mansfield had just quitted the premises when Jean Monnet arrived. He is determined to resign from the High Authority and fight any understanding productive of a German National Army. He has already notified Foster and Adenauer of this intention. He thinks the only compromise now that might succeed in the French National Assembly would have to be one including a provision for the election by popular suffrage of a Common Assembly possessing jurisdiction over, in a manner yet unspecified, the European armies, as well as the Coal and Steel pool. Otherwise, he thinks the secular antoagonism between France and Germany will continue indefinitely.

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